

Consequences of removal and suspension from the Dental Register statement

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Statement

If the Dental Council orders an oral health practitioner's name be removed from the New Zealand Dental Register, the result is the practitioner ceases to be entitled to practise as a registered practitioner.

In practical terms, a suspended dentist this means that the person cannot do any of the following:

- (a) Practise a restricted activity [s9 HPCA Act 2003]; Use names, words, titles, initials, abbreviations, or descriptions stating or implying that the person is a health practitioner or claim to be practising a profession as a health practitioner of a particular kind or state or do anything that is calculated to suggest that the person practises or is willing to practise a profession as a health practitioner [s7 HPCA Act 2003];
- (b) See patients including family or friends in a oral health practitioner/patient capacity, make referrals, write prescriptions, provide diagnostic or other dental advice or treatment;
- (c) Apply for or receive any fees, or any other benefits for dental services, or become part of a service agreement under any legislation applying to registered dentists eg Health and Disability Services Act 1993, Accident Insurance Act 1998;
- (d) Supply or prescribe medicines or use any of the powers in the Medicines Act 1981 and its regulations;
- (e) Serve on any board, committee, association or organisation or act in any role, if appointment/membership expressly, or by implication, depends on the oral health practitioner being registered;
- (f) Do anything as a registered oral health practitioner, or hold out that s/he is still legally registered with respect to any of the Acts which refer to registered practitioners;
- (g) Continue to use existing letterhead or business cards as this could mislead the public.

A suspended dentist is deemed not to be a registered dentist.

A suspended dentist is deemed not to be a registered dentist during the time his or her registration is suspended. The same constraints as above apply to a suspended dentist, except that, **with Council approval** he or she may:

- (a) Retain his or her practice name in place;
- (b) Continue to use business letterhead.

